

Council Officers

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September 2008

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights:

I do not know about you, but where did the summer go? Fall will soon be upon us, and speaking of fall, I hope we do not "fall" back in our attendance at our regular council meetings, or in our Catholic duties. If you missed our August meeting I am happy to report that Brother Knight Wilbur Henry stepped forward with an idea for a new fundraiser. We are looking as a council to put this plan into action in the spring. I hope we can all work together to make this a success!!! More details on this idea are in the council meeting notes of this newsletter. With that said, I hope to see all of you at the September council meeting.

Fraternally yours,

George

Shirts Available for Order

Our council has new golf shirts available with the council logo on them. If you are interested in ordering a shirt attend the next meeting or get in contact with Jim Zimmerman. Shirts are \$23 a piece.

Chaplain's Message

Greetings and peace to my Brother Knights and your families, and a Happy September to you all. As we remember our students and teachers returning to school this month, let us also remember the families who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001. Because of that day, our country and its citizens are changed forever. With all the hope of new beginnings that the month of September brings, it also brings back painful memories. More than ever, we hunger for the God who gives us hope, and who comforts us in our sadness.

But, how do we seek to satisfy that hunger? As Catholics, it is always through prayer and the sacraments. Within that prayer, I would suggest in this month of solemn memories, that we take time for personal meditation. In addition to reading Sacred Scripture, praying the rosary, and spontaneous prayer etc., we should take a few moments each day to be quiet with God. It seems that the longer I strive to live religious life, the more difficult it is to keep distractions away. As I lay quiet, I'm thinking about tasks I have to complete, people I need to talk to, and music on the radio. At these times, I find it helpful to recite the "Jesus Prayer." Each time a distraction comes, I simply pray: "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner!", until the distraction goes away.

I find meditation very helpful, because it affirms my hunger for God; and for me, it is the most challenging of my prayers. One important note: I never meditate for more than 10-15 minutes a day. Usually, I will meditate in the early evening, because that is the time when I am most alert. Whatever time works best for you, I would suggest that you explore

the possibility of meditation for yourselves. Last month, the Franciscans celebrated the feast of Saint Clare on August 11. Saint Clare treasured meditative prayer in her own life. Therefore, I close this article with her precious words to Agnes of Prague:

"As you meditate, you behold the poverty of Him who was laid in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. What wondrous humility and astonishing poverty!"

Continuing your meditation, you realize the sufferings He endured to redeem the human race. Finally, you discern the ineffable love which made Him willing to die a most shameful death on the cross."

Through meditation, we will realize this love even more, and will ultimately realize the depth of our own love for Him. It is this love that will strengthen us and our world each day, as we strive to persevere after tragedies like 9/11. God's blessings to each of you this month, especially to our students and teachers, and God's blessings of comfort and strength for all who mourn. I look forward to seeing each of you real soon, and until then, I am:

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Bradley C. Baldwin, T.O.R.

In Memorium

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all our Brother Knights and their families that have passed away.



Happy Birthday

9/5	Ralph T. Blodgett
9/24	Robert S. Donaldson
9/21	John A. Frank
9/16	Joseph V. Gallagher
9/26	Salvatore A. Ganino
9/13	Lawrence F. Harker
9/24	Joseph A. Herr
9/26	Leslie E. Hildebrand
9/13	Gerald J. Kovach
9/27	William C. Lersch, Jr.
9/24	Robert A. Lonero
9/24	Joseph W. Muri
9/20	Thomas D. O Leary
9/10	Carmen J. Piccirilli
9/14	Eugene F. Polmueller
9/6	Francis C. Shaw
9/15	Thomas W. Stoltz
9/18	Raymond J. Stoltz, Jr.
9/24	Timothy M. Sullivan
9/23	James H. Zimmerman



August Council Meeting Notes

Brother Knight Wilbur Henry suggested conducting a community yard sale to raise money for the council. We would sell tables at our council location both inside and outside. Craft type people would get preference inside. The council would also sell soda and food to raise additional funds. Wilbur said he would head up the committee to organize the event. It was well received by all that attended.

Mark Frew reported that the ARC committee will be getting together to brainstorm ideas for new locations for our collections in 2009. This is in light of the Roaring Spring Giant Eagle not allowing solicitations anymore.

Also the possibility of the Duncansville Riverside closing.

A motion was made to donate \$100 towards to the making of tee shirts for approximately 500 of our local troops that will be deployed to IRAQ shortly. The shirts will have on the front "Proud to be from Blair County, PA". The back will have sponsor logos which include our council logo.

Grand Knight George Husick reported that at a grand knight's meeting he recently attended that attention was brought to Form 100. When signing up potential new members please point out the back of the form. On the back you will find the opportunity to sign up for our insurance program.

Football Sweepstakes tickets are available. Tickets are \$10 a piece. Prizes start October 26th and end December 28th. If interested see Lou Endress.

We had an update on brother knight Barry Lindsay. Barry's operation was to take place August 8th. Barry was transported to Duke University Medical Center by Medvan. When Barry is ready to come home someone will need to travel with him. Dates at this time of his return are unsure. Tentative dates are August 23rd or 24th. Lou Endress reported that he is looking for a group to travel down when Barry is ready to return. They can tag team drive. When they arrive they can also visit with Barry. Lou will then fly home with Barry. The council will pick up Lou's plane ticket and the VA will be picking up the cost of Barry's ticket. Lou has been in contact with the local knight's chapter in the Durham area to have visitors for Barry. Anyone willing to help out please contact Lou Endress. At the end of the meeting we made a call and left a word of encouragement for Barry.

The semi-annual home association meeting was held. There was no

change in any of the officers. The state of the association is strong. One of the big projects the association is looking at is to reinforce the bank along the river behind the pavilion.

DEGREE NEWS

The Hollidaysburg Star of the Sea Council will conduct a first degree September 4 at its regular monthly council meeting.

The Altoona Council will conduct a second degree October 5 at 1 pm.

Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 8:00 pm.

The next meetings are:

Thursday, September 4 at 8:00 pm

Thursday, October 2 at 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 4 First Degree

Sunday, September 7 Shriner's Chicken Bar B Q

Monday, September 8 Blessed Mother Mass held at St Catherine's Church 7 pm

Thursday, September 11 Steak dinner for those helping with the Hand in Hand Chicken Bar B Q. 5 pm our council chambers.

Saturday, September 13 Blue Mass, 5:00 PM at the Cathedral. Celebrant will be Most Rev. Bishop V. Adamec This is the first ever mass of this type in our diocese. We would like to see as many Knight's as possible. Also, a get together for all knight's and their spouses will be held at the Altoona Council.

Ham and Cheese Sale

Make sandwiches September 18

Deliver sandwiches September 19

Thursday, September 25 Fourth Degree Assembly Meeting 7 pm

Thursday, October 2 Second Degree Altoona Council 1 pm

Saturday, October 11 Fourth Degree will be attending the ordination for the priesthood.